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SUBJ: OTRAG: REPORTED PRIVATE AGREEMENT TO TEST GERMAN
ORBITAL ROCKETS IN ZAIRE

1. LOCAL PRESS HAS PICKED UP A REPORT FROM THE FRENCH
MAGAZINE "AFRIQUE-ASIE" THAT THE GERMAN AEROSPACE
COMPANY ORBITAL TRANSPORT AND RAKETEN AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT
(OTRAG) HAS SIGNED A SECRET TREATY WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF
ZAIRE PROVIDING FOR THE USE BY OTRAG OF THE ENTIRE PROVINCE
OF KIVI FOR ROCKET TESTING. REPORTEDLY THIS HAS BEEN
ACKNOWLEDGED BY A COMPANY SPOKESMAN IN STUTTGART. ACCORDING
TO AFRIQUE-ASIE THE TERRITORY IS AVAILABLE FOR AN ANNUAL
RENT OF DM 800 MILLION. THE COMPANY SPOKESMEN DID NOT
ACKNOWLEDGE THE LEASING SUM, HOWEVER, AND IMPLIED THAT IT
IS EXAGGERATED. THE TEXT OF THE TREATY IS EXPECTED TO BE
PUBLISHED SOON BY "AFRIQUE-ASIE".

2. A SIMILAR REPORT IN THE GERMAN MAGAZINE "CAPITAL" IN
OCTOBER 1976 REPORTED OTRAG HAD LEASED A TESTING TERRITORY
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OF 10 MILLION HECTARES, MADE AVAILABLE BY THE GOZ FOR
75 MILLION MARKS ANNUALLY, WITH THE AGREEMENT TO COME INTO
EFFECT AT AN UNSPECIFIED TIME DURING THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.
IN A LETTER TO OTRAG PRESIDENT MOBUTO IS SAID TO HAVE WRITTEN:
"I AM PREPARED TO ENTER INTO A SUCCESSFUL COOPERATION AGREE-
MENT AND PERSONALLY SUPPORT THE PROJECT. THIS IS ALSO TO
PROMOTE THE FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES".

3. OTHER SUPPORTERS OF THIS PROJECT ARE SAID TO BE RICHARD F. GOMPERTZ, FORMERLY MANAGER OF THE CHRYSLER-SATURN-IB-APOLLO PROGRAM, DR. KURT H. DEBUS, FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE KENNEDY SPACE FLIGHT CENTER, AND LUTZ KAYSER, PRESIDENT OF OTRAG. KAYSER CLAIMS TO HAVE DEVELOPED A CARRIER ROCKET (BOOSTER) WHICH WOULD ALLOW SPACE CARGO AT FREIGHT RATES OF AROUND 30 MILLION MARKS A LAUNCH, REPORTED TO BE HALF THE PRICE OF NASA'S CHARGES FOR A SIMILAR LAUNCH. THE RESEARCHERS OF THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT AIR AND SPACE INSTITUTE, "DEUTSCHE FORSCHUNGS- UND VERSUCHSANSTALT FUER LUFT- UND RAUMFAHRT" (DFVLR), HAVE CERTIFIED THE ENGINES OF THIS ROCKET HAVE THE NECESSARY THRUST FOR THE PLANNED LAUNCH THROUGH A PROGRAM OF 800 STATIC TESTS.

KAYSER IS SAID TO BE NEGOTIATING A 300 MILLION MARK GUARANTEE WITH THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT TO ALLOW FURTHER DEVELOPMENT. HE HAS ALREADY BEEN GRANTED 31 PATENTS FOR THE ROCKET.

4. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION SEE OUR WTDR OF AUGUST 10, 1976 (STUTTGART 1014 OF 1976) AND OUR PL EXPORT TRANSACTION CHECK OF THE SAME DATE (STUTTGART 1009 OF 1976) FOR TWO BOOST CONTROL SYSTEMS.

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